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DOCKET NO.: MSFT-0124/154571.1 **PATENT** - 3 to and through comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of month(s). A Notice of Appeal was filed . An Appeal Brief is due on Applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination in lieu of this Appeal Brief. Petition is hereby made to extend the time period from comprising a total extension of month(s). and through \boxtimes The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate. The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of the above fees \boxtimes associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is attached in duplicate. SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned. Date: October 25, 2004 Peter M. Ullman Registration No. 43,963

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